

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 1689 - HB 1909**

February 15, 2018

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Adds restraint of a dog with a chain, cord, tether, cable or similar device while a natural or manmade disaster is imminent or occurring to the offense of cruelty to animals.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-14-202(g), cruelty to animals is a Class A misdemeanor and a second or subsequent conviction is a Class E felony.
- Based on information provided by the Department of Correction, in the past three years there has been one admission to the state correctional system resulting from cruelty to animals. Any impact to the department is estimated to be not significant.
- There will not be a sufficient change in the number of misdemeanor or felony prosecutions for state or local government to experience any significant increase in revenue or expenditures.
- Any increase in caseloads to the courts, district attorneys, and public defenders will be absorbed utilizing existing resources. Any impact to the court system is estimated to be not significant.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee".

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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